

Charter

1. Official Designation: Planning and Steering Advisory Committee (Navy).

2. Objectives and Scope of Activity:

a. The objective of the Planning and Steering Advisory Committee (PSAC) is to provide an avenue of communications by which a distinguished group representing scientific, academic engineering, and intelligence communities may advise the Chief of Naval Operations on questions related to SSBN Security. Their mission is to make in-depth technical assessments of U.S. and foreign threat ASW developments and related technologies, to critically review programs which potentially impact SSBN survivability, and to evaluate intelligence efforts to identify and define ASW and SSBN survivability threats. In pursuing its objectives, the PSAC may operate in committees composed of selected Group members to conduct detailed examinations of matters related to SSBN security.

b. The purpose of PSAC activities is to:

(1) Assess developing threats to SSBN security;

(2) Assess adequacy of ongoing intelligence efforts to identify and define the threat;

(3) Assess the adequacy of the SSBN Security Program;

(4) Assess potential technologies for U.S. ASW application; and

(5) Advise the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments) (N8) regarding recommended improvements and initiatives.

3. Time necessary for the Committee to fulfill its purpose: Continuing.

4. Sponsor of the Advisory Committee: Secretary of the Navy.

5. Agency responsible for providing the necessary support for the Advisory Committee: The Department of the Navy (Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments) (N8) as specified in SECNAVINST 5420.189A).

6. Description of duties for which the Advisory Committee is responsible: Overall duties of the PSAC are described in paragraph 2 above. The functions of the PSAC are solely advisory in nature; it is not empowered to make policy or management decisions. Observations are provided to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments) (N8) by the Chair of the PSAC, or through the minutes of the meetings.

7. Estimated annual operating costs in dollars/Federal staff support years:

Operating costs: \$14,800 per year; work years: 0.1

8. Estimated number and frequency of Committee meetings: The PSAC meets approximately four times per year.

9. The Advisory Committee Termination date: Continuing.

10. Rechartered: October 9, 2000